



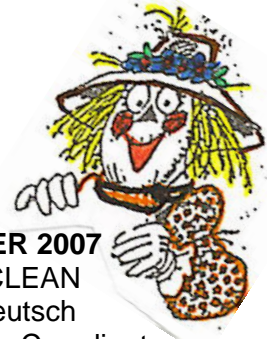
# TRASH TALK

A Monthly Newsletter for Educators

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## AB/C CLEAN CAMPUS CHECKS

All Private, Primary, and Elementary schools will be judged during the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. With 24 schools in this category, this group continues to be the most competitive of all the grade levels! The final decisions are usually determined by recycling efforts, reuse projects and programs, along with hands-on student environmental efforts. A copy of the criteria is mailed to principals and made available to AB/C Campus Coordinators. The AB/C judge will want to speak with you during his/her visit. **I suggest a written summary of your campuses environmental activities.** The 1<sup>st</sup> place campus gets \$200 and the AB/C Clean Campus banner, 2<sup>nd</sup> place gets \$100, and third receives \$50. All prize money is to be used towards environmental efforts on campus. Good Luck!

## AB/C 2007 COUNTY WIDE CLEANUP Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

Registration has begun! Forms are available here at the Chamber. The group with the most active volunteers wins! Each volunteer **must wear gloves** in order to be counted as a "participating volunteer". Each community will pay 1<sup>st</sup> place \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$100, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$50. Each community will also provide refreshments and hold their own award ceremony

following the Clean Up. **To be eligible for the prize money, the registration forms must be in the AB/C office before 5:00 Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>!!**



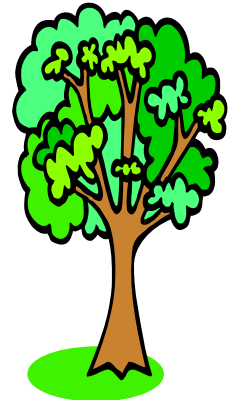
## 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE PROJECT

### "LITTER BUGS ME" Bracelet

These cute lime green bracelets will remind the over 1300 area third graders just how nasty litter really is! The anti litter message is an important part of making responsible choices when it comes to solid waste management!

## STATE ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Angelina County schools will again participate in the State Arbor Day Poster Contest. This year's theme is "**Trees are terrific ... inside and out!**" An Arbor Day packet and heavy weight paper is being mailed to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers in the county. The contest deadline is December 14<sup>th</sup> this year. I appreciate your participation!



## ARBOR DAY 2007- 2008

**LOCAL** – The local arborist and other "tree people" have suggested that Arbor Day be celebrated locally at the end of January. This is a much better time of year for our climate to plant trees than the spring date the state and nation follow. More info on Lufkin's Arbor Day Ceremony real soon!

## angelinabeautifulclean.org

Check out our new website! A copy of the "Trash Talk" newsletter will also be sent via email. Please distribute the newsletter to all the teachers on your campus by email or paper copy! Hopefully less paper!

## TEXAS RECYCLES DAY NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

This year's theme is "It all comes back to you." To celebrate Texas Recycles Day, AB/C is planning an exciting event! More info to come ASAP! Mark your calendar and encourage recycling!

### AB/C & THE TARDY BELL @ STORY WRIGHT BULLETIN BOARD CONTEST

All teachers in Angelina County are invited to **sign up** to participate! You must **follow the theme**, "It all comes back to you."

**Email me with your name and campus to sign up!** Judges will visit your campuses on Tuesday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. AB/C will pay 1<sup>st</sup> place \$100 and The Tardy Bell @ Story Wright will award the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners with a \$30 gift certificate.

### "PASS THE BAG" 10<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup>, & 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES

This exciting High School project has been a huge success for Lufkin High School in previous years. This project focuses on litter awareness and litter prevention.

"Pass the Bag" is accomplished by passing garbage sacks down the rows of the bleachers at a sporting event. A student group gathers the bags at the end of the row and disposes of the trash! Information on this project is being mailed to area High Schools along with lots of garbage bags to implement "Pass the Bag."

### BE COOL!!! RECYCLE AT SCHOOL

The following schedule is still in place for recycling pick up: **Thursday AM** – Brandon, Brookhollow, Dunbar, Garrett, Slack, and Trout. **Friday AM** – Lufkin High School, Lufkin Middle School, Anderson, Coston, Hackney, Herty, Kurth, St. Patrick Catholic School, and Harmony Christian School. I encourage each classroom teacher to have the kids create collection bins/boxes to collect paper in their classroom. **No bags are necessary!** Just put all your paper into the blue cart. Avoid colored paper and staples. Environmental Conservation is part of the TEKS!! This is a great way to teach those valuable lessons!!



## AB/C'S CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES @ THE TEXAS STATE FOREST FESTIVAL

Wow! What a success! I hope some of you got to visit the Children's Activities area at the TSFF last week. AB/C expanded the activities from just a few hours on Saturday in years past, to an every night event! Kids enjoyed the Pine Cone Toss, Leaf Rubbings, and Coffee Filter Clothespin Butterflies. The new Duct Tape contest was a huge hit! And once again, AB/C partnered with Lowes to present all sorts of wooden crafts for the kids to hammer on! The Stick Horse Rodeo continues to be a crowd pleaser! Thanks to Baskin's for providing the stick horses! AB/C's partnership with Diboll 4-H is what makes that hometown event such a success! Thanks to all who helped!

### AB/C's AMAZING TURTLE RACE

Thanks to all who helped with AB/C's biggest fundraiser! We raced over 1,700 turtles with a net profit of approx. \$9,000. Thanks again for helping us raise money to continue to make a difference in our community!

### AB/C CAMPUS COORDINATOR'S DOOR PRIZES & AB/C INCENTIVE DRAWING

At each AB/C meeting we will have at least two door prizes. In addition, this year we'll have an Incentive drawing. This drawing will include every AB/C Campus Coordinator's name. If that person is present at the meeting and their name is drawn, they win the prize. If that person is not present, the prize is retained and rolls over and increases for the next meeting. We'll start with \$20.

### THIS MONTH'S PROJECTS

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade "Litter Bugs Me" bracelets
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest
- 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade "Pass the Bag"

### NEXT MONTH

\*AB/C MEETING – November 7<sup>th</sup>